

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Three times Amended) An erasable aqueous ink composition comprising at least one colorant and at least one film-forming resin, wherein said colorant has a mean particle size of 2 to 7 μm and wherein particles having a size of not more than 1.8 μm account for not more than 1.6% by weight of said colorant and wherein particles having a size of not less than 7 μm account for not more than 0.5% by weight of said colorant and wherein the composition has a viscosity of 500-5000 mPa's as determined by using an ELD viscometer (3 (R 14 cone), 0.5 rpm (20°C)).

Please cancel claim 9.